

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES  
INBOUND EMS 2  
(MC2009-10)

Docket No.  
CP2017-271

**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO CHAIRMAN'S  
INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1**  
(August 28, 2017)

The United States Postal Service (Postal Service) hereby provides its response  
to Chairman's Information Request No. 1, issued on August 22, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please confirm that designated postal operators that are members of the EMS Cooperative are required to participate in the EMS Cooperative's Pay-for-Performance Plan. If not confirmed, please discuss the effects of the proposed change to the Inbound EMS 2 pricing structure on members of the EMS Cooperative that participate in the EMS Cooperative's Pay-for-Performance Plan and the members of the EMS Cooperative that do not participate in the EMS Cooperative's Pay-for-Performance Plan.

**RESPONSE:**

Not confirmed. The participation of EMS Cooperative members in the EMS Cooperative Pay-for-performance Plan (Plan) is voluntary. Under the 2017 Plan, which is not expected to change in 2018 in this regard, eligibility requirements need to be met before an EMS Cooperative member can be considered a participating member. There are no effects of the proposed change to the Inbound EMS 2 pricing structure on members of the EMS Cooperative that participate in the EMS Cooperative's Pay-for-performance Plan, since all of the rules applicable to the Plan will continue to apply in the same manner. For the EMS Cooperative members that do not participate in the Pay-for-performance Plan, the published delivery rates will apply without the application of any penalties, as has been the customary practice.